



# TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

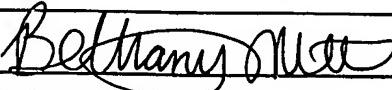
Application Number	10/727,006
Filing Date	12/3/2003
First Named Inventor	James D. Castillo
Art Unit	3743
Examiner Name	Shumaya B. Ali
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	Attorney Docket Number INVAT-098A

<b>ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): <b>Certificate of Mailing; and Return Receipt Postcard</b>
Remarks		

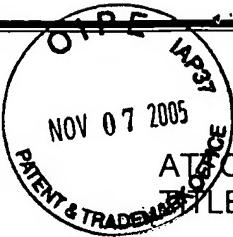
<b>SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT</b>	
Firm Name	STETINA BRUNDA GARRED & BRUCKER
Signature	
Printed name	Kit M. Stetina
Date	11/3/2005
	Reg. No. 29,445

## CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:

Signature	
Typed or printed name	Bethany Miles
Date	11/3/2005

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



ATTORNEY DOCKET NO: INVAT-098A  
TITLE: HINGE SYSTEM FOR REGULATING KNEE JOINT FLEXION

**Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR 1.8 or 37 CFR 1.10**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on November 3, 2005

  
(Signature)

**Bethany A. Miles**  
(Typed name of person signing certificate)

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

1. Certificate of Mailing;
2. Transmittal;
3. Response to Office Action (12 pages); and
4. Return Receipt Postcard



Attorney Docket: INVAT-098A  
In response to the Office Action of August 24, 2005  
Serial No. 10/727,006

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:	James D. Castillo	) Confirmation No.	4499
		)	
Serial No.:	10/727,006	) Art Unit:	3743
		)	
Filed:	December 3, 2003	) Examiner:	Shumaya B. Ali
		)	
For:	Hinge System For Regulating Knee Joint Flexion and Extension	)	
		)	

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2005, Applicant hereby amends the claims as follows and respectfully request allowance of the amended claims in view of the following Amendments and Remarks:

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper; and

*Remarks* begin on page 6 of this paper.